

REMARKS

In the present response, claims 39-52 are canceled to place this application in condition for allowance. The pending claims (20-25 and 30-34) are allowed.

I. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 112

Claims 39-52 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These rejections are moot since claims 39-52 are canceled.

II. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 46-48 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 7,107,276 (Johnson) in view of USPN 5,748,985 (Kanai). These rejections are moot since claims 46-48 are canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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